

**American Legion Auxiliary Winter Park Memorial Unit 112
General Meeting Minutes**

February 21, 2023

The February 2023 general meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 was called to order at 7pm by President, Marge Berrios. The meeting was opened according to ritual.

Members in attendance included:

Marge Berrios	Nell Colbert	Debi Shannon
Terry Berrios	Laurel Ross	

Guests in attendance were:

Bob Colbert, Post 112 Adjutant

Nell confirmed that we have a quorum for this meeting and Marge was granted permission to deviate from the printed agenda should the need arise.

The minutes from the last meeting were emailed to all members. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Laurel Ross) that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert gave the Treasurer's Report. Debi Shannon moved (seconded by Terry Berrios) that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Motion carried.

Nell Colbert shared items of correspondence received this month including:

- Department *The Florida Canvas* newsletter
- Unit Membership Credit Report
- Girls State Delegate and Alternate paperwork, including over-quote
- Thank-you note from Dept. Membership Chair that included two 100% membership pins
- Email from 6th District Secretary with updated date information

Bob Colbert reported on the Post Executive Committee meeting:

- Replaced three office chairs
- Getting dehumidifiers to reduce musty odor
- Other maintenance issues being addressed
- Six Boys State candidates – interviews on Sat, 2/25 at 2pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Marge called on the Committee Chairs to give their updates if there was activity during the month.

- **AEF:** We will do AEF collection at Girls State interviews this weekend.
- **Americanism:** Nell sent information to the elementary schools we work with and will have entries from at least one school (Dommerich's 5th grade class); Marge delivered information to the high schools and has received entries from Lake Howell, Oviedo, Winter Springs High Schools as well as from three students at Rainbow Elementary.
- **Education:** Nell will be emailing the elementary schools the information about our Scholastic Achievement school medals in early March. There was a brief discussion about whether we should add Rainbow to our list of schools since we received essays from three students. It was agreed that Rainbow should be added to our list. Laurel volunteered to handle the presentation and suggested that we

contact Madelda's husband to get contact information for the school. Marge will contact the Thompson's.

- **Membership:** Nell reported that we are at 108% of our membership goal. Nell also noted that she emailed a possible transfer in early January but has heard nothing back. Laurel knows the lady and suggests giving her a call as she didn't recognize the email address.
- **National Security:** Marge received some coupons from some of the Post 243 members.
- **Poppies:** Laurel asked about the Post 112 plans for Memorial Day and invited us to participate with Post 243 in the event at the Oviedo Cemetery, 118 Aulin Avenue, on May 29th beginning at 11am. We should know by next month if Post 112 will have a Memorial Day program.

LEADERSHIP SEGMENT:

Debi shared two articles in the most recent Auxiliary magazine from national that asks Auxiliary Units to help raise community awareness of the large number POW/MIA's from World War II (71,000) and Vietnam (81,000.) Debi also shared information about a book called America's White Table that explains about the POW/MIA table that is present in all Post homes. Debi suggested that since the books are not very expensive and that we could provide a copy to each of the elementary schools in our service area for Veteran's Day if they would use them. Nell will ask the schools about them in the fall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Girls State Interviews – We have seven girls confirmed (3 from Trinity Prep, 2 from Winter Park, 1 from Oviedo, and 1 from Lake Howell.) Everything must be done on-line except for the medical form which must be notarized. Nell will bring her Notary bag on Sunday and can notarize the forms if the parents want to do them. Marge will bring hard copies for each delegate and alternate.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nominating Committee – Nell explained the Nominating Committee process, noting that the committee will meet on Zoom immediately following the March general meeting. Terry, Debi, Nell, and Laurel will serve on the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS:

- Marge reminded everyone to send in their written service hour logs to both Nell and her.
- Dates to remember –
 - 6th District Picnic – March 4 – Post 183 – 12noon – 4pm
 - Dept President's Visit – 3/16 – 3/19
 - 6th District meeting – March 25/Post 80 - 9:30am registration/ 10am start
 - 6th District Constitutional Conference – 5/27/Post 35 - 9:30am check-in/10am start
 - Dept Convention – 6/15-6/18 Hilton Lake Buena Vista

Debi Shannon offered the Benediction and Marge Berrios adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted



Nell Colbert
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes approved _____

Nell Colbert, Secretary _____

Marge Berrios, President _____